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FM AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM
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SUBJECT: FRELIMO TACHICS

REF: LUSAKA 884 (NOTAL)

1. WE BELIEVE MAY 9 ARTICLE IN TIMES OF ZAMBIA IS SAME AS BRIEF
PRESS ACCOUNT CARRIED TANZANIA PAPERS MAY 9 (DAR ES SALAAM 1439,
PARA 3) REPORTING SPEECH TO MOZAMBICAN PEOPLE BY SAMORA MACHEL,
FRELIMO PRESIDENT. LENGTHY SPEECH WAS GIVEN MAY 3 OVER VOICE OF
FRELIMO (DAR ES SALAAM EXTERNAL SERVICE), PRESUMABLY IN ENGLISH
OR POSSIBLY IN PORTUGUESE. EMBASSY HAS SWAHILI TRANSLATION OF
ENTIRE SPEECH. IN ADDITION TO STATEMENTS REPORTED DAR 1439,
MACHEL STATED FIGHTING ALONE CAN GIVE PEOPLE OF MOZAMBIQUE
THEIR ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, AND SOCIAL INDEPENDENCE. MACHEL
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ARGUED WE FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT EACH TIME ENEMY IS DEFEATED BY

USING FORCE, HE CHANGES HIS STRATEGY AND EMPLOYS ANOTHER DECEITFUL TACTIC. IT IS CLEAR NOW THAT WE WILL SEE PUPPET GROUPS CREATED AND GIVEN POWER DESIGNED TO SHOW THAT COLONIAL GOVERNMENT IS FULFILLING NEEDS OF CITIZENS OF MOZAMBIQUE FOR OBTAINING INDEPENDENCE. MACHEL EMPHASIZED THAT NEW PORTUGAL REGIME IS TRYING TO CONFUSE MOZAMBICANS AND CALLED ON CITIZENS TO RECOGNIZE FRELIMO AS THEIR LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE. HE REQUESTED CITIZENS OF MOZAMBIQUE TO JOIN WITH FRELIMO IN LIBERATION OF COUNTRY. MACHEL CONCLUDED BY URGING INCREASED ATTACKS ON ALL FRONTS.

2. COMMENT: HARD-HITTING MAY 3 ADDRESS TO MOZAMBICANS APPEARS TO US TO COINCIDE WITH APPARENT INCREASED LEVEL OF MILITARY ACTIVITY IN MOZAMBIQUE. ALTHOUGH FRELIMO HAS NOT RULED OUT NEGOTIATIONS WITH PORTUGAL, SUCCESS OF POSSIBLE NEGOTIATIONS SEEMINGLY IS TIED TO INCREASED MILITARY PRESSURE ON PORTUGUESE. THIS TACTIC MAY WELL UNDERCUT ZAMBIAN 10-POINT FRAMEWORK FOR NEGOTIATIONS. END COMMENT.

3. CONCERNING MARK CHONA DEPARTURE FROM LUSAKA, RADIO TANZANIA REPORTED EVENING MAY 10 THAT MARK OR MAINZA CHONA HAD MET EARLIER IN DAY WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE AT HIS HOME IN BUTIAMA. PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS NOT RELEASED.

4. TANZANIA PRESS ANNOUNCED MAY 11 THAT FOREIGN MINISTER MALECELA IS LEAVING TODAY FOR ZAMBIA AND BOTSWANA WITH SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM NYERERE FOR LEADERS OF BOTH COUNTRIES.
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